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#### A Third Term Issue That Does Not Hold Water.

Attorney-General Lewis has in sected a third term issue into the Gubernatorial campaign. It is one of his "Ten Reasons Why Governor WHITMAN Should Not Be Renominated":

"2. No third term.

"For eighty years the Empire State as followed this precedent. If a third term, why not a fifth term, or a life

When he mentions eighty years, Mr. Lewis is thinking of the end of the reign of WILLIAM I., MARCY, who served three consecutive terms and was nominated for a fourth, but was beaten at the polls.

Has Mr. Lewis forgotten the case of DAVID B. HILL? That Democrat first came to the Governorship through the resignation of GROVER CLEVELAND, who had been elected President. This was a first term for Hill just as certainly as Roosevelt's holding of the Presidential office after the death of McKinkey was a first term for the Colonel.

HILL was elected to his second term in 1885 and to his third term in 1888; and it must be remembered that these were terms of three years each, while Governor WHITMAN has served in two year terms. Hill was nominated for Governor in 1894; a fourth cup of coffee. The fact that Hill was beaten in 1804 may be used by Mr. Lewis to illustrate the State's supposed horror of many terms. The real reason for David B. Hitt's defeat was the general unpopularity he had brought upon himself.

If a President is permitted to serve eight years, why should not a Gover nor have the same honor? The word "term" in the sense it is used by Mr. Lewis is confusing.

## Dirtiest New York.

The description of the filthy New pears elsewhere on this page is from if the city were as foul to-day as Dr. This last statement has since been SMITH found it in 1865 the deaths contradicted by Spanish physicians. would be 115,000 more a year than

Of course New York could never again be the pigpen that it was in toms were often mainly intestinal those benighted years. Yet it is well and still other reports stated that it try to attack the structure of a health soning. All these reports have now department which Dr. Smith and his been denied by the best authority, dering on the White Sea and the Arcassociates built up ought to be re- which avers that the decisive point minded of the era of the pingues.

We may add, and not wholly extraneously, that virtue is not always its own only reward. That Dr. Str. vere headaches during a few hours, early in the war by the Entente Pow-THEN SMITH, whose work saved more high fever, throat irritation or bronlives than we dare to compute, is still chitis, with a dry, hacking cough, able, at the age of 95 plus, to write so graphically of the ancient horrors and the intestinal disorder which mis- up largely of Prussian soldiers, to is a sign that the law of compensation is not repealed.

## The New Drayage System.

Everybody whose business takes him to the water front has recognized | disease, for years that the drayage practices! or hired a cartman to get his goods, more gravity. and then sat down to walt for them. The consignee might wait a day, or two days, or three days for his bales and boxes. In many cases the wharves have been used as storage warehouses while the owners of goods peddled

them in the trade. The result has been congestion of traffic, delay in unloading cars and slowing down of the transportation system. There being no central aube enforced. Every transportation knights of old." company was a law unto itself, and A stout hide stretched over a crude for the avowed purpose of maintainevery merchant and manufacturer

tion, whether he wanted to or not.

have grown up can be corrected, and will be, under a sensible plan for the of ships and railroad cars. The

scheme worked out by James S. Hab-

LAN of the Interstate Commerce Commission with the help of a number of other citizens, and approved by Mr. McApoo, displays all the elements of practicability. It provides for prompt inloading of cars and ships, immediate delivery of goods to consignees, and the utilization of the full carrying capacity of trucks. It should reduce the number of vehicles in the streets, and by expediting the handling of freight greatly increase the effectiveness of all of the transportation lines. Every freight car used as a storage place is a dead loss to the country. The fact that demurrage is paid on it is of no consequence. What we need is not high receipts from idle completely enveloping the body. rolling stock, but the rolling stock in active service. Any reform that will thorify, had no armor except the get the cars back on the main tracks quickly will confer great benefits.

#### The Spanish Epidemic of Influenza and Its War Aspects.

The epidemic which began a few influenza because it presented the were forbidden to sell outside the principle symptoms of what is usually described as la grippe. It is being investigated in Madrid and all land owners were required to own other cities, with the result that so at least one byrnie. far the first reports of its character have had to be revised. Early in the outbreak it was stated in the London newspapers that the germ of the disease had not been isolated. The statements as published in Madrid were that the influenza bacillus had not panions and followers he identified been associated with the cases of the disease, but that a different and slightly known microbe, the parameningococcus, was generally found. Whether this germ was really the powder enormously increased, it is incause or only an accompaniment of teresting that army experts are again the ailment has not been settled. An- experimenting with armor which can other report was that the plague had be used to offset the very cause of started in Spain. This plague report its disuse. was officially denied by the Spanish health authorities.

These Spanish authorities have just stated their opinion of the new allsive of the Germans. The massing of has been made the occasion of the vast numbers of troops from various most humble apologies to Berlin from parts of Europe caused a concentra- the Russian Premier, LENINE. MIRtion of the germs of the disease and BACH was Germany's ablest agent in an increase in their virulence. Wars Russia. With a reequipped force of The present war has fortunately not was the power back of the Bolshevist enza, which is showing one great in Germany's interests. point of resemblance to genuine influenza in its tendency to spread. It began in Flanders, but its pre-

enza epidemics and similar infections rible conditions and helped to eradi- twelve days, although some of the cate them. Dr. Stephen Smith made strongest tried to throw off the weakthe survey which convinced the Leg- ness too soon and suffered in conseislature that New York must have quence. The mortality was much a health department. It has been de- higher than in Spanish influenza. scribed as the most perfect sanitary Other points of difference are that the investigation of a municipality on new epidemic lasts but a short time, record; surely it was the most im- two days, in most cases. The first portant. Measure the reform in reports stated that it was very mild terms of human life and you find that and that there had been no deaths

Another mistake in the early reports was that Spanish influenza was intestinal influenza, because its sympto remember the horror. Every poll- was the camp infection known as bo- Klev, the Ukrainian capital. tician, present or future, who may tulism, sometimes called sausage pol-

about it is the bronchial symptom. It begins suddenly, without premonitory symptoms, accompanied by se-

Armor for Our Infantry? A writer who seems to have had opportunities to learn some not generally known facts about experiments the War Department is making in defensive devices for infantry recently set forth an interesting conclusion thus:

"It is not at all unlikely that men thority competent to make and en- over there will in course of time battle and Petrograd. Berlin is demanding force regulations, no remedy could the enemy in suits of steel as did the this on account of the assassination

tradition-as the helmets of certain mor in the uniforms of certain troops of cuirassiers-than a practical de fence, such as is the unlovely "tin

lids" our soldiers now wear. Homer's heroes clumsily protected parts of their bodies with bronze hel mets, cuirasses and greaves, and did the best they could for other parts of their bodies with their shields, also of bronze. When later Greeks further developed armor more nearly to cover the body, the shield was made smaller, and finally disappeared when the use of lighter metal permitted mounted soldiers to fight in armor

The early Germans, says an au shield until long after the Romans they fought against were as fully armored as a modern battleship, but when the advantage of armor was knocked into their heads the Germans went in for that protection with plodweeks ago in Spain has been called ding earnestness. Their merchants realm chain shirts, the byrnies later extended into a knee length coat, and

> The Crusaders most rapidly developed armor such as New Yorkers are familiar with in the Metropolitan Museum of Art collection. This, with the visor down, so masked the wearer that in order to be recognized by comhimself by armorial bearings.

> When gunpowder came into use armor fell rapidly into disuse; now. with the effectiveness of gun and

#### Germany's Excuse for the Occupation of Russia.

The assassination of Count Min ment. In their view it is a camp in- BACH, the German Ambassador at fection which was hatched on the Moscow, which has been officially conwestern front during the March offen- firmed by the Bolshevist Government, nearly always produce new infections. German prisoners at his command he bred an epidemic like the plague or Government. That the German army smallpox, but it has produced some had halted at the Ukraine frontier new and strange infections which are and had not advanced upon Moscow now being studied in France. The was credited to Berlin's faith in Mislatest of these is the Spanish influ- BACH's ability to control the situation

There is nothing to indicate whether the assassination was the act of a fanatic with a personal grievance or ise way of reaching Spain has never was a part of the plot of the Social that it jumped over intervening coun- Bolsheviki, to rid Russia of German

> mans have heightened this opposition i could have come into being, until the peasant army has reached of the German army of occupation. The peasant army has been reenforced by a Polish contingent, the first Polish corps under General MUONITSKI engaging the Germans near the Polish frontier and the second corps under General Michaelis advancing upon

The second centre of known discontent is the Murman coast district, bortic Ocean. The importance of this region to the Allies lies in the fact that at Archangel, on the opposite shore of the White Sea, were stored ers vast military supplies. With the led many physicians at first. The seize these stores. The people of the thence inferred that it was a camp for assistance. This was answered by the despatch of American, French If this should prove to be the case and British marines to the Kola more conventionally covers the lessly antiquated, cumbersome and might seize whole armies in its clutch provisions from the United States to station matron longs to see her. extravagant. They cannot be said to as it was reported to have done in the the town of Murmansk. The result, constitute a system; their chief char- case of the Germans. But it seems as stated in a despatch from Copenacteristic, in fact, has been lack of most improbable that it can have any hagen, is that the entire populasystem. Whoever had freight to carry influence on the course of the war un- tion of the Murman region has broken from the piers has sent his own truck less its symptoms should assume much with Russia and joined the Entente Powers in the protection of the supply base at Archangel.

The situation in Russia, from the German viewpoint, thus demands as imperatively as at any other time the interference of such a man as Min-BACH. While his power over the Boldeath will practically compel an attempt to occupy the cities of Moscow of its Ambassador, and also as a right wooden frame probably saved many ing order. Germany thus has found was obliged to conform to the situa- fighters from cracked ribs when their an excuse for advancing in Russia enemy's missiles were hand thrown that she has long sought. That

one direction, however, the evils that meric days down to this war never a he has to all others made by Germany, time has intervened when armor of is expected from the abjectness of his some sort has not been worn by war- apology. But in the face of the management of trucks and unloading riors. Of late, until the present war, growth of anti-German sentiment and the armor may have represented of his own evidently waning power, rather a sentimental clinging to a will he not in thus turning Russia completely over to Germany hasten cavalry regiments, the traces of ar- the downfall of the miserably incompetent Bolshevik rule?

#### What German "Freedom of the Seas" Really Means.

The phrase "freedom of the seas" has been a favorite locution with Germans since they began the war against civilization. They have sought to picture England as a brutal and against it, but that, particularly at such despotic ruler of the great waters, restricting and confining other nations to their use of the oceans. The attempt has not been a success; the existence and prosperity of a tremendous German merchant fleet have been too obvious a refutation of the charges of British discrimination to be concealed. It has been apparent that when a German statesman talked of "freedom of the seas" he meant freedom for Germany and for nobody else. But this truth has not been acknowledged by Germany's spokesmen. for good and sufficient reasons.

It is interesting therefore to find the facts of German purpose bluntly declared on respectable German au thority, by Professor EHRENBERG, In the Vossische Zeitung. Not the oceans open to all on terms of exact equality. which has been the situation for years, but the oceans a series of German lakes is the object of the war on its naval side. He writes:

"The victory at Constantinople (the alliance with Turkey) is the first step toward a naval victory. Thanks to that victory, we have leaped across England's power in the Mediterranean, and thus we have become a naval power. thanks to a victory on the land. We must go on in the same direction, and there shines clearly before us our last object for the attainment of the freedom of the seas-the domination of the Suez

"By the possession of the Suez Canal we would have in our hands the core of the British Empire, and the latter would thus be deprived of its poison ous tooth. And we would in this manner become the rulers of the bridge to the second great part of the world and the neighbors of the Indian Ocean; we would get out of the Middle Europear press-the moist triangle; we would not

cannot reach it right now we must get to it as closely as possible; this means that we must add to our Constantinople naval victory further victories; we must capture the Suez Canal and hold it for a victory in our future naval and colo-

In this conception of freedom of the seas there is no passage indicative of liberty, equal rights or common privlleges. The keynote of the whole is been seriously investigated. The fact Revolutionaries, the enemies of the domination; German domination, partment, and besides, the draft taking "capture" of Suez for victory in the tries and sea is no matter of surprise domination. The comments of the press future "naval and colonial war." The to students of medicine. They are of the Allied capitals are to the effect British Empire must be "deprived of familiar with this peculiarity of infu- that the assassination was an evi- its poisonous tooth"; the poison, apdence of the awakening of the ven- parently, so far as the seas are con-The great influenza epidemic of 1889 geance of Russia against German cerned, finding its expression in a spread over the entire world, follow- tyranny. The Humanite of Paris policy that made profitable the building a most circuitous course, and says that the act "was not a vulgar ing and operation of splendid argocemed to obey no law of seasons or assassination, but an act of open re- sies for worldwide trade by every of atmosphere. The differences be- bellion by exasperated patriotism." nation in the world that cared to emtween this epidemic and Spanish in- The growth of peasant opposition bark in such enterprises. Germany of their families. fluenza disclose the points of likeness to the Bolsheviki has been either con- herself was one of the greatest benecealed or has not been marked in the ficiaries from the operation of this York of half a century ago which ap- demics influenza was a severe dis- provinces of Old Russia. There is no policy. Had Great Britain's leaderease, and people suddenly seized by doubt of the revolt of the pensants in shipping been founded on curthe pen of a man who saw these hor- it were incapacitated for at least Ukraine. This was clearly shown in tailment of the opportunities of other their refusal to accede to the de- nations, no such fleet of carriers as mands of the Germans for grain to that which flew the red and white supply the Central Powers. The sel and black of the German Empire bevere retaliatory measures of the Ger- fore the Kaiser challenged the world

In this as in other things altruistic a total enrolment of 200,000. Accord- words from German tongues mean ing to correspondence to the London only selfish German projects thinly Daily Express a peasant army num- velled or temporarily hidden. Gerbering 75,000 has forced the retreat man "freedom of the seas" connotes German seas, verboten to all whose presence does not fit German designs or serve German ambition.

The City Hall cupola disappointed New York by not being ready for the Fourth of July celebration. It can reinstate itself in public favor by dislosing its form on Bastille Day. which will be celebrated from one end of America to the other this year.

How varied are the duties per formed with admirable discretion by our police! A heat distressed citizen appears on a crowded thoroughfare unattired except by a smile of complacency born of perfect comfort. The promptly attending policeman deftly chitis, with a dry, hacking cough, occupation of Finland the Germans subtracts an unnecessary shawl from tration office in the Stewart Building, pain in the muscles, general weakness sent a force of White Guards, made the head and shoulders of a curb it won't be ready for the public until marketwoman, skilfully drapes it over July 25. the wandering life class model and invites him to "see the Captain." A agency. Alas, it was out of business fever lasts about two days; men are Murman coast not only rose in op- wounded woman nurse home from so far as the railroads were concerned. A Breeder Discloses a Loss on a Meat usually attacked, women seldom; and position to this invasion of their coun- over there, her troubled mind newly children almost never. Physicians try, but they called upon the Allies disturbed by the tramp of the Fourth's sylvania ticket office at 179 Broadway. paraders, rushes to the street in her nightie. A policeman, quick seeing borrows a rug from an automobile, of the port of New York are hope- the epidemic has a serious aspect. It peninsula and later by a supply of and flatteringly confides to her that the fuss, no delay, no feelings hurt. Fine!

> pedoed. We must express our deep sor-row at the outrage, and feel sure Ger-many herself will share in this sentiment, and will not fall in appropriate neasures.-The Osservatore Romano. On the contrary, German newspapers which refuse to pretend they believe the Government denial of responsibility for the loss of the Llandovery Castle insist that her sinking was justified, and assert that she carsheviki was sufficient to make un- ried arms and that other hospital ships necessary the actual presence of a in Allied service mount guns. From German army in Central Russia, his the utterances of German leaders it is plain that war against hospital ships is to be a regular part of Germany's living in the United States, the Caucacampaign.

f the statement that the ship was tor-

The Senate in drafting a bill prohiblting the sale of liquor after January 1 may have considered the psychology of the new leaf.

Review may have been disloyal, but to General Shafter at Santiago. With the transportation lines under rocks, and from those far pre-Ho- LENINE will accode to this demand, as the weather itself is true blue.

THE NATION'S ANTHEM. Plea for Greater Use of the Fine Song "America."

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: was much interested in your recent edigled Banner." criticise music, I can only say that reading the poem The Star Spangled Baner" has to me been more enjoyable than hearing the music.

There is another patriotic hymn, 'America," which does not receive the attention it deserves. Except in some of the churches, I seldom hear it played or sung. The fact that it is sung to the music of "God Save the King" has sometimes been used as an argument time as this, seems puerile.

There has been much talk and writing -some of it nonsensical-about the "melting pot." The only "melting pot" we need is to impress every man, a and child with the idea and the fact that this is the best country on the face of dying for-and that is just as applicable to native as to foreign born citizens.

My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing!

That, from the opening stanza 'America," is the outpouring of a patriotic soul. And again:

Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake, Let all that breathe partake, Let rocks their silence break-The sound prolong.

At a time like this, when tens of thou sands of our brave young men, the hope and mainstay of the nation, are going nto battle, many of them to death, when the air is thick with rumors of greed and graft, we need patriotic songs, and we cannot have too many of them, to keep burning the fires of patriotism and na ional unity. If they go to the hearts of the multitude it is not worth while to argue whether or not they are

'classic. If at the present time we have any Francis Scott Keys or Samuel F. Smiths far escaped my attention, though unhave. I am not an Englishman, there- for, fore cannot write from personal experi ence, but I can imagine that such poems as Thomas Campbell's "Ye Mariners of to have a godmother, sympathetic in England" must have stirred the hearts of the English people.

A. F. FAULKNER. New York, July 8.

#### FAIR PAY FROM THE CITY. It Means Adequate Protection to the Citizens.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: tope you will not cease in the very creditable effort to see that the salaries of be doing a little patriotic work I asked our policemen and of the firemen are my Major to sign my letter. Hoping increased to make it possible to live as that my request may meet with sucthey are entitled to live.

I am able to say with authority that forehand. resignations are being handed in by the C. S. F., Z 235, II. Groupe, Armée Belge younger men, who have little to lose having been in the department a comparatively short time

the service, nearing their twenty year retirement, are the ones that will re

No new men are entering the Fire De great numbers away, we are to see our below the necessary number of men now,

ONE FIRE BUFF. New York, July S.

#### COMMUTING ON THE ERIE. ilization, if directed upon the modern Its Rates Compared With Those Other Roads.

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: It referring to the complaint of "L. M." in THE SUN of July 5 just for information I wish to ask, in reference to the third when the world was at peace. paragraph, if there is any difference in the number of Sundays in any particular thirty days as compared with any cer-

The grievance seems to be with re- stituted. gard to loss of four round trips a month through not going to business on Sunmade good for thirty days from date of sale would the complaining person go to business on Sundays?

Further, I am advised that the com mutation rates on the other lines mentioned in many instances are higher and that they do not in some cases make tickets good for thirty days. E. A. S. Passaic, N. J., July S.

#### TRAILING A TIME TABLE. A Panting Travelhound Barks at the Railroad Administrator.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir; nooga. I went to the new Railroad Adminis-

I rushed across the park to a

The kindly clerk directed me to the Penn-There I found the people waiting three deep at the counter. Not a time table in the racks. Not a chance to ask for one

for at least half an hour. Why did Mr. McAdoo wreck the old machinery before the new was ready? PEREGRINE PRUNE. NEW YORK, July 8.

#### RACES AND NATIONALITIES. A Line to Be Drawn in Discussing the Divisions of Men.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Have we not adopted of late the word "race" when we wish to say "nationalities" Surely the people of Alsace-Lorraine Trentino, Bohemia, Serbia, &c., are no separate races, but separate, distinguishable nationalities.

is it not a misnomer to say that thirty-five "races" were represented at the great Mount Vernon celebration, when after all there are only three races sian, Negro and Mongolian? K. GUITERMAN

NEW YORK, July 8.

## 1898-1918.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: July 17 will be the twentieth anniversary The editor of the Monthly Weather of the surrender of the Spanish army NEW YORK, July 8.

"THE SUN."

A Refreshing Compliment From a Understanding Reader.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT: Re ferring to your editorial article regardorial article entitled "The Star Span- ing the good progress THE SUN has been Not being qualified to making of late, let me state that you present prosperity is deserved.

I consider it the best newspaper put lished in this city to-day. The text and general makeup are beyond criticism

I am a Democrat. THE SUN IS Re ublican, but not offensively so, and for this reason can be read by a good Demo crat like myself without irritating the

HENRI GERARD. New York, July 8.

## THE VOTE IN DENMARK.

paigning for the Privilege. To THE PARTOR OF THE SUN-SIT! FOR the benefit of "A SUN Reader" let me

Government conferred the franchise upon the Danish women without any previous campaign. As an explanation of this unusual proceeding the following was duly published:

zens, women as well as men. In that case the weight of the wom en's vote was considered an asset, no

a liability. Does not our Governmen now need the help of all our citizens men and women, or is the America weman inferior to the Danish?

## NEW YORK, July 8.

Preferably a Writer of French.

the scavenger's cart, loaded with do-Many of my chums have come to me mestic filth, filled the night air with and told me how much they would like were lined with fat melting and other her correspondence, to keep them cheerappeal to you, hoping that through your medium young American ladies will adopt a Beigian "filleut." Some of the by the hooting, chasing mob. It was which could be employed to abate this men have been at the front two or not an uncommon event that the nulsance dangerous to life and detri three years; some are fighting since Texan steer in his mad career im- mental to health. the very beginning. Most of them know some English, yet French god mothers would be most welcome.

To assure you that you would really cess I thank you very sincerely be-L. VAN HORENBEECK.

#### THE WORKS OF WAR. Only the men who have been long in Is Too Much Time Devoted to Trivial Transgressors1

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: All nor to the British seamen who have had the manhood to declare that they would not tolerate a German sailor in good to ride in the ordinary coaches city badly protected. When it is much a British ship nor take a British ship should be promptly awakened from their into a German port for a term of years dreams and put to work at some usewhat are we to expect should a winter after the war in retaliation for the as- ful occupation. The modern railroad similar to the one just passed confront sassination of non-combatant seamen. What a contrast the spirit of this ac-It is time the people were aware of tion presents to that of those who, with the inefficient protection their business the lives and destinies of their countryand their homes are under at the pres- men at stake, devote themselves in time ent and tell Mayor Hylan that the men of war to correcting among their own ductor said each parlor car could ac-

> Half of the righteous indignation all the passengers in those three parior would do much to bring about their extinction. We did not hesitate once o invoke the spectre of the gibbet as a | tons each. Allowing seventy tons for deterrent to those contemplating usurious practices among our own citizens

> It might be well to visualize it nov when the murder of our women and train was about one hour late at Stamchildren demand its requisition for the legitimate purpose for which it was in-JOHN P. DAVIN, M. D. New York, July 8.

## days. If Erie commutation tickets were KIND WORDS FOR THE FORCE The New York Police Again Distin-

To the Editor of The Sun-Sir: One of thousands. I am sure, who feel the same way, I should like to express appreciation of the manner in which our splendid police force handled recent

With firmness and yet with many oberved acts of kindness shown to little children and the old who have been in of coal, and low it is reported that soullers, murderous machine? the throngs, they have done their work not with the menace of force but with the more persuasive use of tact, and sred, it is a crime to run parlor cars wanted a time table of trains to Chatta- with rare exceptions unfalling courtesy. Raise their salaries of course. They

NEW YORK, July 8.

# THE CALF.

Hve stock market quotes \$18.50 a hun-Shipper pays freight and selling ex-

RICHFIELD N. J., July 8. The Long Green Crop.

Kni ker-I'd like to be a Burbank. Bocker-Well, if you cross a thrift stamp

#### From first to last, For many dawns and many dusks

A pearl was cast. Then came a summons from on high That bitter day

Turn from their dross late, by many dawns and dusks, And sense their loss.

## NEW YORK'S FRIGHTFUL CONDITION IN THE MIDDLE SIXTIES.

Cholers, Smallpox and Fevers Scourged the Indifferent City That Had No Sanitary Department.

neither health laws nor administra-

tion of the slightest value. Its health

clency of that board we have the testi-

sulphur in the patient's room. A third,

a case of contagious disease, said he

The unsanitary condition of the city

Nuisances

prior to 1866 cannot be described so

hogs to be driven through the streets;

rections from the street.

From an article by Stephen Smith, M. D., LL. D., in the Medical Record. Prior to 1866, New York city had paled a child or feeble pedestrian on his long, pointed horns. The enormous tenement population lived in a nomadic style, and upward ordinances were mere "scraps of of 18,000 persons (Troglodytes) lived paper," and its administrators were in cellars, under every possible unpoliticians of the lowest grade. Its sanitary condition. As a result of

these conditions New York was rated Board of Health was the Aldermen as one of the most unhealthy cities called and commissioned by the Mayor of the world, its mortality rate varyto act in that capacity. Of the effi- ing from 35 to 45 per thousand population. Contagious diseases of every kind found here a congenial culture mony of Mayor Fernando Wood, who bed where their germs multiplied was urged to call the Aldermen towithout "let or hindrance." gether as a Board of Health during was epidemic every fifth year, miasan epidemic of cholera, but declined, matic fevers appeared with "their stating that they would be more dan- usual severity," as the record states, every autumn; typhus fever came The "city inspector," a nondescript with the immigrants and scourged the tenement house and underground exercised any health powers, and population; cholera reached the city those consisted chiefly in the appoint- at intervals and decimated the people ment of "health wardens," Tho were with all the malignity it exhibited in usually saloon keepers. The quali- the Ganges; the domestic pestilences. fications of these officials was put to diphtheria, scarlet fever, measies the test by a legislative committee were always present.

It is surprising now to recall the conditions of the city. One was asked entire indifference of the people of the meaning of the word "hygiene," every class to the perilous conditions under which they lived. A woman from standing water." Another gave living in a cellar where the only light was a candle, and her three children were tuberculous, made the universal asked what he did when called to visit reply when a dispensary physician remonstrated with her for living in a never entered the house but gave di- cellar: "I have always lived here This is my home. I am contented and happy. Why should I leave my home?" The wealthy and intelligent that an audience of to-day can fully residents who were appealed to in ald of efforts to secure reforms through dangerous to life and detrimental to legislation made, in effect, the reply health existed everywhere. Large that this condition had always exited,

areas were undrained, giving rise to and refused to attempt reforms. The climax was reached in the early '60s. I was in charge of a typhus and littered with garbage; small fever hospital, and noticed that a butcher shops were in every section, large number of patients came from one tenement house. On visiting it I found a true "fever nest." The house was in a most unsanitary condition and was crowded with immigrant suffocating odors; the river fronts families suffering from typhus, but without furniture or care of a janitor offensive industries. Life in the In my efforts to have the house vastreets, now made perilous by the au- cated, cleaned and closed by the potomobile, was then even more endan-lice, it was found that there was no gered by stray cattle made furious law, ordinance, nor even authority

#### THE PARLOR CAR. Its Retention by Congested Railroads July 14 Should be a Great Holiday Arouses Criticism.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: Notwithstanding the rumors prevailing when universal celebration of American Indewe entered the war that the parlor car pendence Day in the nations fighting the service on the railroads was to be discontinued, they seem to be doing "busi-

ness as usual." If there is one condition above others in the histories of the future. which points to the fact that this country is not fully awake to the necessities | the French adoption of our holiday prob of this terrible war, it is the operating of these cars over our congested railroads. Any persons who are laboring of brotherhood between Americans and under the delusion that they are too coaches are comfortable enough for any one physically able to travel.

Some months ago an express train for this city, stopping at Stamford, nary coach seats eighty-eight persons, cars could have been transforted in one tive engineer told me parlor cars weigh ninety tons, and the various kinds of ordinary coaches from fifty to seventy one coach and 270 tons for the three parlor cars, there was an absolutely unnecessary load of 200 tons hauled from Boston to New York. Incidentally, the

ford. The other day an express stopping at Stamford had two parlor cars, while in the coaches there were ten or fifteen passengers standing all the way to New York. By substituting one coach for the two parior cars all the passengers could have had seats and the train would have been 110 tons lighter.

A loaded coal car weighs approxi mately seventy tons (car twenty tons, coal fifty tons), so it is safe to esti-mate that the public is short fifty tons would you do?" of coal, which may mear the difference between life and death to some of us next winter, for each parlor car that is operated. When whole communities were put in peril last winter by lack only 20 per cent, of coal ordered by consumers for next winter has been delivwhich punder to the luxury loving taste of the relfish and thoughtless at the expense of comfort and safety of the general public.

under present schedules by a coal car? It would be an object lesson to all of us. parlor cars could be taken over by the Government and altered into hospid or sleeping cars for our soldiers Without doubt right, justice and truth are on our side, and with the help of our ullies we are going to smash the German idea, but all thoughts of 'business | pretty ankle, a foolish high host a as usual" must be put aside. Parlor of perfumery. Ah, well! days, at 10 cents a quart. \$32; your cars, private cars, club cars, and under many conditions dining cars, are an ofdredweight, highest price for veal July fence to those having the interests of 3; average 150 pounds. Gross return, our country at heart and a menace to our war efficiency.

ARCHIBALD C. FORS. NEW YORK, July 8.

#### Talk Keeps Socialists Busy and Happy.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: 1 am surprised at "Strinus" intimating, order that I might know jusuggesting or believing that Socialists features I had missed seeing couldn't spend ten idle hours a day copies of the three morning pleasurably, when just talk, talk, talk which I consider the leaders of against the idle rich and the respect for aw and order are enough to keep it is quite needless to say that Tax Socialists busy and happy for twentyfour hours a day.

If they should get tired of their own talk, a professor of ethics mounting a parade given in The Sun to be in a ostrum and beiching against the Constitution and constituted authority ould revive them from boredom. MILFORD, Conn., July 8. FARMER.

Worries of an Arkaness Arcadia Tappy Hollow correspondence Conway Log Cabin Democrat. Kalseriam and grassiam are still worry-

## BASTILE DAY.

for America. To THE POITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: The cause of human freedom has carried

In the American mind the effect o ably is even more impressive than the British recognition of July 4. The spir-French has finally been most thoroughly proved by the joint celebration of the

great anniversary. The apportunity to reciprocate lies directly before us. On July 14 the win derful nation of France will celebrate its holiday commemorating the fall " heretofore, in the French conception, ha narked the annual recognition of the greatest step toward freedom in Europe Why not adopt the most importa-French holiday here in this eventful year as a fitting compliment to the me who are now helping us in the great

fight begun in 1776? DOUGLAS R. HARTSHORNE

## PACIFISTS AND SOLDIERS. A Report of a Somewhat Bewilder-

ing Dialogue. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIT. WITH reference to your editorial article of

did repudiate it. It's true anyhow." "You think a soldier is a blind, heartless, soulless, murderous machine? "

"Why, defend myself, of course" "With a gun?" "Yes, with a gun, if I had one." "I suppose, then," I said. "you do

ALCIUE NEW YORK, July 8.

## THE PLAIN GIRL.

Expense of Her Coquettish Sister. TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SUN The

She has the reliable and lovanie qualfeminine coquetry has its ments to A

## GLEN RIDGE, N. J., July 8.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SU was able to see but a portion of the matchless parade of July 4 in W hattan, but was thrilled rarely been by what I did see. It was the most persuasive object less in

democracy I have yet witnessed Next morning I was anxious to read a clear and graphic record of bom on the other side of the rive published regarding the spectal As usual I found the account class by itself. No other equalled yours in visualizing panorama, just as no other incl. proached yours in making one full of spice and interest

thought worthy of recording. PREDERICK H. CHASE.

Women Received It Without Cam-

In the summer of 1915 the Danish gerous to the city than the epidemic. official, was the only public officer who

In times like these the Governmen needs the cooperation of all of our citi

appointed to investigate the sanitary and he replied, "the mist that rises as the remedy for smallpox burning AN AMERICAN BY CHOICE.

A BELGIAN SOLDIER. He Wants an American Godmother

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-Sir: LAS appreciate the reality. in the trenches is not always pleasant as you may well expect, and notwithstanding the highest spirits, one gets sometimes very weary and lonely, miasmatic fevers in the autumn; the among us, their productions have thus is during the rest hours that one longs cobblestone paved streets were lined for a kind word and a sympathetic questionably good patriotic poetry is friend who will make one forget all being written. In the meantime let us about war, and remind him that there requiring herds of cattle, sheep and utilize to the fullest extent what we are still happy, pleasant things to live

of profiteering.

# guishes Itself.

crowds.

deserve it, beyond doubt. J. B. CARRINGTON.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN-SIE! Try ils on your succinct essay machine Take Mr. Kenyon's own flaures: One alf feeds on eight quarts of milk forty

enses, easily 10 per cent. As a matter of fact, the calf will take all the milk up to twelve quarts average for the forty days. A calf just sold

New York's Loss. To them who root among the husks

And snatched the jewel to the sky To shine alway. Now they who root among the husks

MCLANDSURGH WILSON.

throughout the world an inspiration whose effect can only be measured fully

New York, July 8.

the letter that Jack London repullated I heard a gentleman of pacifist tenden cles say "It doesn't matter if Jack London

"Yea." "Well." I asked, "suppose your life

# not consider a gun a blind, heartless.

Heaven Bless Her, but Not at the

girl with the good plain face and fix heels, God bless her ities in her, but, for heaven's sa D. D.," don't take all the joy or which is grim enough already

In Praise of Good Reporting

reader. This is but a repetition of eral previous experiences which I have

BROOKLYN, July &.